Mountain Weather Forecast

Lake District National Park

Forecast valid from 06:00 on Saturday 30 Jan 2021 until 23:59 on Sunday 31 Jan 2021

Forecast Issued on Saturday 30 Jan 2021 at 03:04

Confidence: High for overall developments, becoming medium from Monday, but low confidence for amounts of snow and timings on Tuesday.

Headline for Saturday 30 Jan 2021: Mainly dry, cold and bright with some sunshine, but perhaps the odd snow flurry. Bitterly cold and locally very strong easterly winds.

Mountain weather hazards on Saturday 30 Jan 2021

Blizzards
No Likelihood

Heavy Snow
No Likelihood

Storm force winds
No Likelihood

Gales
High Likelihood

Severe chill effect
High Likelihood

Poor visibility
Low Likelihood

Thunderstorms
No Likelihood

Heavy persistent rain
No Likelihood

Strong sunlight
Medium Likelihood

Weather and chance of precipitation at 800m					
Time					
06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00
Cloudy	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Sunny intervals	Clear night	Clear night
Precipitation probability					
10%	10%	10%	10%	10%	00%

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Weather: Mainly dry and bright with sunny spells and risk of the odd snow flurry in the east. Clear spells in evening with a sharp frost and icy conditions.

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 70% rising 90%.

Visibility: Good or very good away from occasionally broken cloud down to 600 or 700m at first.

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Height (m)	Wind Speed mean/gusts (mph) Wind Direction (blowing from)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	54/63 E	54/64 E	46/57 E	37/47 E	35/44 E	32/40 E	25/31 E
600	36/46 E	35/46 E	34/45 E	27/37 E	19/27 NE	21/30 E	19/27 E
300	19/42 E	17/42 E	18/41 E	11/31 E	7/24 NE	7/22 NE	6/19 E
Valley	15/37 E	14/37 E	12/32 E	11/28 E	8/23 NE	7/19 NE	5/13 NE

Height (m)	Temperature / Feels Like (°C)						
	06:00	09:00	12:00	15:00	18:00	21:00	00:00
900	-4/-16	-4/-16	-4/-15	-4/-14	-4/-14	-4/-13	-4/-12
600	-2/-11	-2/-11	-1/-10	-1/-9	-2/-9	-2/-10	-2/-9
300	1/-6	1/-6	2/-4	2/-3	0/-4	-1/-4	-1/-4
Valley	3/-2	3/-2	4/0	4/1	2/-1	2/-2	1/-2
Freezing Level*	300m	200m	300m	300m	200m	100m	100m

**Level above which ground is expected to be frozen/snow is expected to settle.*

Meteorologist's View

A significant chill should be expected.

Forecast for Sunday 31 Jan 2021

Weather: Dry, cold, but mostly sunny start, but sunshine turning hazy as high cloud spreads over area from late morning. High cloud thickening in afternoon but staying dry and reasonably bright

Maximum wind: East or southeast 10-15 mph, but 20-25 gust 35mph over higher slopes in afternoon

Chance of cloud free mountain/hill tops above 800m: 80% with occasional cloud down to 800m.

Visibility: Good or very good.

Temperature: **Valleys:** Minus 2 C to plus 1 C
At 800m: Minus 3 or minus 4 C
Freezing level: All levels

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Ground Conditions Supplement

Date: Friday 29 January 2021. Location: Helvellyn summit at 10:44 Full report: We are continuing to provide the Fell Top Reports for people undertaking their daily exercise during the lockdown. We would like to remind everyone that Government guidance stipulates that people should only exercise locally.

Here is today's report: A cloudy day with light winds and thawing conditions at all levels. The snow level now starts at around 700m. Above this height, and across the Helvellyn plateau, the ground is now a patchwork of wet snow, ice, and exposed ground. Many of the paths are still substantially covered in snow, and in reduced visibility, they may be difficult to follow. The greatest accumulations of snow are to be found on steep north through east-facing aspects where significant quantities still remain. Many of the cornices (snow overhangs) have collapsed in the milder temperatures, however, they are still present in these areas, generally around corrie rims. Please give them a wide berth. The forecast going into the weekend is for subzero temperatures down to low levels. Any remaining snow will re-freeze and with all the wet ground, ice may also be present over large areas. Swirral and Striding edge (and similar steep and exposed routes) will be serious propositions in these conditions and should only be attempted by those with sufficient winter mountaineering experience and the correct equipment including an ice axe and crampons. For anyone venturing into the high fells, full winter clothing (waterproofs, extra warm layers, hat & gloves), mountain boots, and additional items including a headtorch, map and compass, and goggles (for navigating in windy conditions) are essential. Walking poles and microspikes are also very useful. Please be conservative with your plans and know your limits. Temperature: plus 0.9 C, Maximum wind speed 19.4 mph, Wind chill: minus 3.7 C, Average wind speed: 11.3 mph

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